(c) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill in this regard; and

(d) if so, by when it is proposed to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) The Central Government is in the process of bringing in a comprehensive legislation at the earliest for regulating hospitals, nursing homes and clinical establishments including their registration.

Registration with the respective council is mandatory for doctors for practicing different system of medicines.

Medical colleges in Agartala, Tripura

1668. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) How many new medical colleges will be set up during the current financial year;

(b) whether there has been any decision by the Central Government to set up a medical college at Agartala, Tripura;

(c) if so, by when the works will start; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) 'Health' being State subject the Central Government has to scheme no set up medical colleges in States. However, the Central Government is permitting establishment of new medical colleges under the provisions of Indian Medical Council Act and the regulations made thereunder. Under the above provision two proposals for establishment of new medical colleges, one from Government of Tripura and the other from a private trust have been received from Tripura. These proposals have been referred to the Medical Council of India for evaluation. Clearance of these proposals depends on availability of infrastructure facilities and recommendations of MCI thereon.